

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 19 and 32 have been amended. New claims 33-36 have been added. Support for all amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, such as, for example, at page 3 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

Claims 19, 30 and 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over GB 1,122,466 ("GB '466") or KR 9505692 ("KR '692"). Claims 19 and 21-32 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over EP 0415778 ("EP '778").

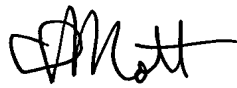
The amendments to the claims are believed to overcome these rejections for at least the following reasons. Specifically, for example, none of the cited references teach or suggest an ester formed from the reaction of a linear saturated monoacid having 7-11 carbon atoms with an adipic diacid. While the EP '778 patent, for example, discusses straight and branched monoacids containing 2-9 carbon atoms, this reference does not teach or suggest forming an ester from any linear monoacids having greater than 7 carbons with an adipic acid --- much less, a composition comprising the metal working fluid of the present invention. As such, the present claims as amended are believed to be patentable over the cited references.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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